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## FOREST SERVICE HOSTS URBAN RANGER YOUTH CAMP

**PORTRLAND**, June 20--The U.S. Forest Service, Mt. Hood National Forest, in cooperation with the Urban League and 7 other organizations are hosting an Urban Rangers Camp offering 25 inner city youth between the ages of 11-15 an opportunity to see and experience natural resource work performed on a National Forest, a tree farm, and in an urban setting.

The day camp, now underway, started June 17 and will end July 20. The youth will spend two weeks at the Columbia Gorge Ranger District - Eagle Creek, Estacada RD, Zig Zag RD (all on the Mt. Hood National Forest), as well as one week on a project in the Alberta Street corridor in Portland, and one week at the World Forestry tree farm in Wilsonville.

"This is an excellent opportunity for youth who have the interest in natural resources to spend nearly a month learning first hand about career opportunities in forestry from practicing professionals," said Wanda Irving, Forest Service community outreach manager.

"Then they spend one week actually putting their experience to use by practicing 'urban forestry' in their own community," added Irving.

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Work accomplished by the youth in the Urban Ranger Camp will be of secondary importance. The overall goal of the camp is to provide inner city youth an educational experience that will help build an understanding of their relationship with the environment and natural resource management.

Other partners integrally involved in putting together the Urban Forestry Camp are: the World Forestry Center, the Forum for Community Transformation, Pacific Power & Light, Nike, OMSI, City of Portland Bureau of Parks, and City Liquidators.

Photo opportunities & crew locations:

1. Mt. Hood National Forest 6/17-6/28 - building an amphitheater at Eagle Creek, Columbia River Gorge RD (to be completed 6/21).
2. World Forestry Center 7/1-7/3 - Tree School - students will act as interpreters at the Tree School.
3. Urban Rangers - Alberta Street, Portland 7/8-7/12 - site improvement, landscaping, gardening and tree planting. Through use of hand tools, crews will improve the appearance of identified sites; i.e. pruning, survey where street trees could be planted and actual planting of trees on Alberta Street.
4. World Forestry Center Magnus Tree Farm, Wilsonville 7/15-7/19 - tour the tree farm, interactive projects led by Forest Service employees.  
For more details: Wanda Irving, USFS, 326-2406 and Jim Bonner, Urban League, 280-2600, ext. 618.

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## GRAYBEAL NAMED DEPUTY REGIONAL FORESTER - STATE & PRIVATE FORESTRY

PORLAND, July 1--Nancy Graybeal, former Acting and Deputy Forester Supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, has been appointed as the Pacific Northwest Region's Deputy Regional Forester of State and Private Forestry, announced Regional Forester John F. Butruille.

Graybeal replaces Mary Jo Lavin, who was transferred to the Fire and Aviation Management Staff in the Forest Service's Washington, D.C., Office. Graybeal assumes her new duties in Portland on July 1.

"I am pleased that Nancy will be serving as the new Deputy Regional Forester of State and Private Forestry. We look forward to her leadership in guiding the Region through the many challenges ahead," said Butruille.

Graybeal has worked for the Forest Service for 17 years. She served as Deputy Forest Supervisor of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest from 1988-91; District Ranger of the Alsea Ranger District, Siuslaw National Forest, 1986-88; Assistant Timber Staff, Siuslaw National Forest, 1983-86; and Timber Planner, Siuslaw National Forest, 1980-83. She also served as a silviculturist on the Deschutes, Colville and Olympic National Forests.



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She is a member of the Society of American Foresters and currently serves on the SAF Accreditation team, responsible for accrediting education programs in the United States that lead to a professional degree in forestry. Her community activities include service on the Board of Directors of the YWCA and Women of Action in Vancouver, Washington.

Graybeal, a third generation Oregonian, was born and raised in Pendleton, Oregon. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Stanford University (1970) and Master of Science in Forest Ecology from Colorado State University (1973).

Graybeal, 42, is married with two children aged two and five. Her husband, Dr. Stuart Childs, is a soil scientist with Cascade Earth Sciences in Corbett, Oregon.

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## **SMOKEY BEAR PLAYS BALL**

PORLAND, July 2--Two USDA Forest Service employees--Smokey Bear, backed up by the Pacific Northwest Region's Deputy Regional Forester, Nancy Graybeal--will "pitch" fire prevention by throwing out the first ball of the Portland Beavers-Calgary Cannons baseball game Sunday, July 7, at Civic Stadium in Portland, Oregon.

In addition to opening the game, Graybeal says, "Smokey will hand out fire prevention special baseballs to the first 2,000 children under age 14 who will attend the game." Graybeal, who is responsible for the agency's state and private forestry activities, will also present the Portland Beavers with a plaque honoring the team for its contribution to fire prevention. She notes that Smokey's season debut is expected to attract families from around the Pacific Northwest.

Graybeal and Smokey Bear will appear courtesy of their agency and several other natural resource organizations, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, and the Bureau of Land Management. Several fire engines will also be on display "if they aren't needed elsewhere," she said.

And the Bear? Well, Smokey says, "Play ball! And remember, only you can prevent forest fires!"

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### **FOREST SERVICE INCREASES FIRE READINESS**

PORLAND, July 30--Residents and visitors of the Pacific Northwest are urged to be extra careful with fire in the forests this summer, as we move into the warm, dry months of August and September.

The fire situation in northeast Oregon is especially critical. Epidemic insect infestations and several years of drought have created conditions that lead to increased fire danger in the Blue Mountains. Fires would burn hotter, with greater intensity and move more rapidly in these forest conditions. This also creates concern about firefighter safety and protection of life and property.

Deputy Regional Forester Nancy Graybeal met recently with northeast Oregon Forest Supervisors to discuss fire protection issues associated with the forest health situation.

"Several actions have been taken for increased preparedness for this season," Graybeal said. "We have added 20 smokejumpers to our fire-fighting capabilities in LaGrande. Two helicopters and two airtankers have also been added to the fire-fighting fleet. We have trained 50 emergency fire-fighting crews from local communities throughout the region, and pre-season agreements have been put into place for local fire-fighting resources. Rappelling capabilities have also been added in John Day. Our continuing objective in the suppression of wildfires is to minimize the cost and the loss of resources. We will continue to work closely with other federal, state, and local agencies and private landowners to achieve those objectives," she added.

"Since people cause most wildfires, we all have a part in preventing them," Graybeal said. "And whoever we are and wherever we are, we can influence others to use care to prevent wildfires."



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### DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE RELEASED

**PORTRLAND, SEPTEMBER 24**—The USDA-Forest Service announced that on September 27 they will release a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for managing northern spotted owl habitat on National Forests in Oregon, Washington, and California.

The environmental impact statement is being produced under a court-ordered deadline established by District Court Judge William Dwyer on May 23, 1991. The court order requires completion of a final environmental impact statement by February 1992 and a record of decision by early March 1992.

The draft environmental impact statement discusses four alternatives for managing northern spotted owls:

*Alternative A* would continue past management actions and is based on the spotted owl habitat area (SOHA) strategy established by Regional Guides for National Forests in Oregon, Washington and California.

*Alternative B* would manage according to the Interagency Scientific Committee's (ISC) Conservation Strategy as described in their report released in May 1990. This is the USDA-Forest Service's preferred alternative.

*Alternative C* would combine the ISC strategy as described in Alternative B with the critical habitat strategy proposed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in May 1991.

*Alternative D* would manage according to the ISC strategy, plus very limited timber harvesting in all nesting, roosting, and foraging northern spotted owl habitat.

Three public hearings have been scheduled:

Olympia, Washington - October 15, 1991 - Washington Performing Arts Center.

Salem, Oregon - October 17, 1991 - Columbia Hall, Fairgrounds.

Redding, California - October 21 - Holiday Inn.

The final decision will only apply to National Forests, not to other federal, state, and private lands.

Copies of the 360-page draft environmental impact statement or a 27-page summary can be obtained by writing to: Spotted OWL EIS Team, USDA-Forest Service, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208.

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### OREGON AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES TO SHARE NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS

PORLAND, September 30—Thirty-one counties in Oregon and 27 counties in Washington received interim payments totaling over \$133 million—75 percent of their share of estimated revenues from the sale and use of national forest products and services in fiscal year 1991. Nationally, over \$228 million in interim payments was distributed. Oregon and Washington ranked first and third respectively among the states to receive the largest payments.

The Oregon amount totals \$102,552,542.52 and the Washington amount totals \$30,486,440.74, according to Pacific Northwest Regional Forester John Butruille. Final payment to Oregon and Washington is estimated to be \$136,736,723.36 and \$40,648,587.65, respectively. This reflects an 8.6 percent decrease from last year's actual receipts for Oregon and a 10.4 percent increase for Washington. Final payments will be made in December, after determining the actual receipts for the fiscal year ending September 30.

Interim payments to Oregon and Washington were computed under a provision of the Interior and Related Agencies 1991 Appropriations Act. Section 316 of that Act provides for payments to States for fiscal year 1991 of not less than 90 percent of the three-year average payments for fiscal years 1988-90 for those national forests affected by decisions on the northern spotted owl. The interim payments would be lower if based solely on actual receipts.

The money returned to the states, and in turn to the counties, is to be used for public schools and roads. By law, the amounts represent 25 percent of the money collected by the Forest Service from the

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sale of timber, and from grazing, recreation, mineral extraction, and other land-use charges on national forest system lands.

The interim payments do not reflect revenues collected from the Crooked River National Grassland in Oregon. Revenues from the national grasslands are based on calendar year receipts with payments made the following March.

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COUNTY	ACTUAL FY90	91EST@06-30-91	DIFFERENCE	% INC(DEC)
ASOTIN	162,406.23	124,846.99	-37,559.24	-23.13%
CHELAN	2,276,704.87	2,155,662.00	-121,042.87	-5.32%
CLALLAM	1,832,629.57	2,031,423.18	198,793.61	10.85%
CLARK	12,079.38	14,074.14	1,994.76	16.51%
COLUMBIA	481,510.02	370,152.53	-111,357.49	-23.13%
COWLITZ	333,820.55	388,947.37	55,126.82	16.51%
DOUGLAS	3.16	3.00	-0.16	-5.06%
FERRY	811,832.39	941,217.13	129,384.74	15.94%
GARFIELD	288,202.62	221,550.79	-66,651.83	-23.13%
GRAYS HARBOR	527,452.95	584,668.14	57,215.19	10.85%
JEFFERSON	2,469,918.00	2,737,841.16	267,923.16	10.85%
KING	2,000,547.84	2,060,356.20	59,808.36	2.99%
KITTITAS	887,692.76	867,425.69	-20,267.07	-2.28%
KLICKITAT	140,110.45	163,248.16	23,137.71	16.51%
LEWIS	4,239,073.97	4,882,363.12	643,289.15	15.18%
MASON	581,339.30	644,399.79	63,060.49	10.85%
OKANOGAN	1,335,747.80	1,954,045.67	618,297.87	46.29%
PEND OREILLE	977,372.19	904,969.65	-72,402.54	-7.41%
PIERCE	715,406.97	736,794.78	21,387.81	2.99%
SKAGIT	1,054,026.12	1,186,056.02	132,029.90	12.53%
SKAMANIA	8,613,235.51	10,035,617.44	1,422,381.93	16.51%
SNOHOMISH	1,933,138.71	2,080,737.77	147,599.06	7.64%
STEVENS	380,642.04	430,828.77	50,186.73	13.18%
THURSTON	3,550.57	3,659.50	108.93	3.07%
WALLA WALLA	7,344.92	5,646.28	-1,698.64	-23.13%
WHATCOM	1,700,973.73	1,914,041.89	213,068.16	12.53%
YAKIMA	3,064,408.08	3,208,010.49	143,602.41	4.69%
TOTAL	36,831,170.70	40,648,587.65	3,817,416.95	10.36%



## STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY	ACTUAL FY90	91EST@06-30-91	DIFFERENCE	% INC(DEC)
BAKER	1,566,686.75	965,371.42	-601,315.33	-38.38%
BENTON	339,359.55	405,913.31	66,553.76	19.61%
CLACKAMAS	6,121,434.53	5,915,783.10	-205,651.43	-3.36%
COOS	618,194.92	673,075.68	54,880.76	8.88%
CROOK	3,640,526.91	4,241,373.19	600,846.28	16.50%
CURRY	4,667,604.77	4,794,595.64	126,990.87	2.72%
DESCHUTES	4,175,755.99	3,277,639.51	-898,116.48	-21.51%
DOUGLAS	24,278,440.18	18,899,343.58	-5,379,096.60	-22.16%
GRANT	10,810,104.00	9,538,608.61	-1,271,495.39	-11.76%
HARNEY	4,318,696.55	4,351,704.94	33,008.39	0.76%
HOOD RIVER	2,542,447.47	2,457,320.79	-85,126.68	-3.35%
JACKSON	4,532,283.16	4,968,282.99	435,999.83	9.62%
JEFFERSON	748,815.04	599,587.52	-149,227.52	-19.93%
JOSEPHINE	2,518,474.29	2,602,573.83	84,099.54	3.34%
KLAMATH	13,300,540.48	13,152,843.31	-147,697.17	-1.11%
LAKE	6,191,278.80	3,880,407.14	-2,310,871.66	-37.32%
LANE	29,502,433.18	28,166,578.76	-1,335,854.42	-4.53%
LINCOLN	3,570,203.90	4,270,377.23	700,173.33	19.61%
LINN	10,125,217.34	9,409,125.11	-716,092.23	-7.07%
MALHEUR	11,199.04	7,688.21	-3,510.83	-31.35%
MARION	3,764,604.04	3,528,981.71	-235,622.33	-6.26%
MORROW	432,619.40	332,568.70	-100,050.70	-23.13%
MULTNOMAH	887,771.58	858,047.06	-29,724.52	-3.35%
POLK	6,616.58	7,914.19	1,297.61	19.61%
TILLAMOOK	1,917,079.73	2,293,049.32	375,969.59	19.61%
UMATILLA	1,181,511.67	896,112.77	-285,398.90	-24.16%
UNION	1,317,545.67	769,463.68	-548,081.99	-41.60%
WALLOWA	2,328,158.62	1,046,441.81	-1,281,716.81	-55.05%
WASCO	2,523,439.34	2,438,949.10	-84,490.24	-3.35%
WHEELER	1,202,226.74	1,352,372.74	150,146.00	12.49%
YAMHILL	530,574.40	634,628.41	104,054.01	19.61%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149,671,844.62</b>	<b>136,736,723.36</b>	<b>-12,935,121.26</b>	<b>-8.64%</b>

